

Resolution No.: 16-671
Introduced: July 8, 2008
Adopted: July 22, 2008

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Ballot title for referendum on County Law

Background

(1) Section 114 of the County Charter provides that any legislation enacted by the County Council, with certain exceptions, must be submitted to a referendum of the voters on petition of 5% of the registered voters of the County.

(2) The County Board of Elections received a petition for a referendum on Chapter 18 of the Laws of Montgomery County, 2007, entitled "An Act to:

(1) prohibit discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations, cable television service, and taxicab service on the basis of gender identity; and

(2) generally amend County laws regarding discrimination."

On March 6, 2008, the Board found that the petition was accompanied by sufficient signatures to place the referred law on the ballot.

(3) Under Section 7-103(c)(3)(i) of the Elections Article of the Maryland Code, each proposed ballot question must be certified to the Board of Elections on or before the third Monday in August in the year in which there will be a general or Congressional election at which the ballot question is to be submitted to the voters.

(4) County Code §16-16 provides that a ballot title or summary, prepared by the Council, of each proposed ballot question must appear in print on the voting machine or ballot. County Code §16-9 specifies the form of referendum questions.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The following question must be placed on the 2008 general election ballot:

Question D

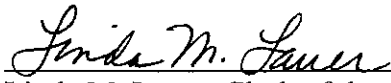
Referendum on Law Enacted by County Council

Gender Identity Discrimination

Shall the Act to prohibit discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations, cable television service, and taxicab service on the basis of gender identity become law?

This resolution is effective only if the petition for a referendum on Chapter 18 of the Laws of Montgomery County, 2007, qualifies for inclusion on the 2008 ballot.

This is a correct copy of Council action.


Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council